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REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

1. The Examiner objected to the drawings. Claim 33 has been cancelled.
2. The Examiner rejected Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.
3. Claim 33 was rejected to for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 33 has been cancelled.
4. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 9, 11-19, 31-33, 35-38 and 40-43 under 35 U.S.C. 102.
5. Claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 32, and 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Sergeant.
6. Claims 12-19, 31-33, 35-38, and 40-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Saunders.
7. Claims 1-6, 9, 11-16, 31-32, and 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Chasteen et al.
8. The Examiner objected to Claims 8, 10, 20-22, and 39 as depending from a rejected base claim.

Amendments

The Applicants respectfully submit that Application is in condition for allowance. The Application as amended includes five independent claims, Claims 1, 12, 23, 34, and 35.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of Claim 8 and the limitations of Claim 8's intervening claims.

Claim 12 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of Claim 20 and the limitations of Claim 20's intervening claims.

Claim 23 was previously held allowable.

Claim 34 was previously held allowable.

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Claim 35 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of Claim 39 and the limitations of Claim 39's intervening claims.

Claim 40 has been amended to account for the amendment to Claim 35 and the cancellation of Claim 37.


Conclusion

In view of the Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

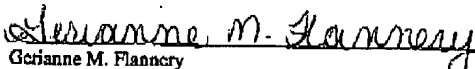
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